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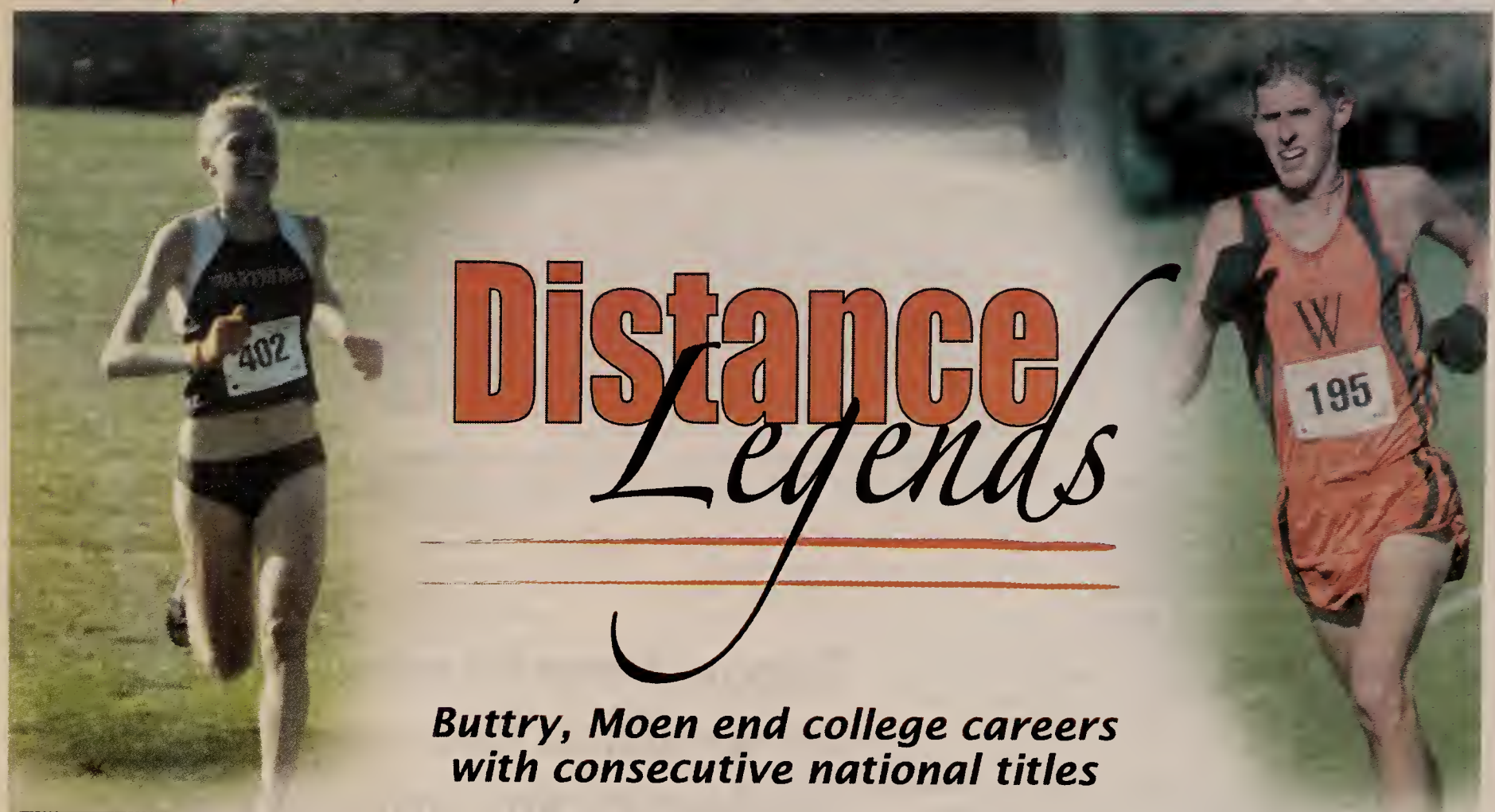

Distance Legends

Buttry, Moen end college careers with consecutive national titles

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Staff Writer

Wartburg seniors Missy Buttry and Josh Moen established themselves among the greatest collegiate cross country runners of all time Saturday at the NCAA Div. III national championships in Colfax, Wis.

After becoming the first pair in cross country history from the same school to win national championships last season, Buttry and Moen made history again.

Buttry's win made her the first woman ever to earn three national championships in any NCAA division. Moen became the third runner in Div. III to earn two titles.

After winning all but one race this season, few doubted that Buttry would earn her third title. Her front running has become so common that the meet actually employed two golf carts, one for her and runner-up and fellow Olympic Trials competitor Liz Woodworth of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and one for the rest of the field.

Buttry and Woodworth quickly separated themselves from the field. Woodworth kept with Buttry for the first mile before falling off pace, finishing second.

"I knew she was going to go with me," Buttry said. "She's a strong runner, obviously; she was in the (Olympic) Trials."

Buttry's 24-second margin of victory wasn't as big as her two previous national championships, however, this one carried historic meaning. Buttry became one of four runners in any division to win three individual titles and the first person of any gender to win them all consecutively. NCAA running greats Steve Prefontaine, Gerry Lindgren and Henry Rono were all unable to accomplish what Buttry has.

"I wasn't really happy with my time," Buttry said. "I wanted to go faster, but I was more concerned with winning than with the time. There was a lot of pressure going into the race. Everyone was expecting me to win it, and doing it three times in a row is tough."

The Buttry fan club, consisting of her 12 siblings and parents, came from Shenandoah to support Buttry for the last time in a Knights' cross country uniform. The Buttry family and the rest of the crowd showed appreciation for Buttry as she crossed the finish line to take the title.

Last season Moen emerged on the national stage as he went from dropping out of the race his sophomore year to national champion his junior year. Since then he hasn't looked back. Moen took his second title Saturday, literally running his nearest competitor into the ground.

Gloves and hats were the accessory of the day. The cold bordered on bitter, and the sweats stayed on until the last moment possible. None of this affected Moen, who took off with the lead pack at the gun and never strayed in his quest for the title.

"I like weather like that," Moen said. "It gets into people's heads."

Moen remained patient for the first part of the race, leading a small group separated from the field. Over the next mile, Moen put more distance on the field, being chased by only Macharia Yuot, from Widener University. Yuot finished runner-up to Moen by 30 seconds last year.

"It was scary; I was running scared from him when he was behind me," Moen said.

After closing the gap slightly on Moen, Yuot began to fade and fell back into the chase pack. He placed 24th and had to be taken to the hospital for exhaustion.

Although he didn't know that Yuot had faded, Moen faced no other serious challenges as he finished with a time of 24:28. The next man across the line was Neal Holtschulte of Williams College in 24:41.

"It feels just as good as the first, surreal almost," Moen said. "I was hesitant going in, but I knew what I could do and I knew what my competitors could do. I knew I was a contender."

The Wartburg men's team finished in 14th place. Junior Keith Solverson crossed the line with a 39th place time of 25:37, barely missing All-American status. Behind him was fellow junior Ben Carlson in 88th with a 26:17 and sophomore Patrick Johnson in 26:29 and 98th. Sophomore Kevin Balster finished in 26:34, finishing 105th to round out team scoring.

The women's team finished 17th overall, running without senior Beth Neal who was held out after passing out at regionals last week. Freshman Julie Ridenour was the second place finisher for the Knights, taking 92nd place and crossing the line in 23:40. Freshman Sara Eppley finished in 23:50 and senior Brooke Ferguson in 23:52, took 102nd and 105th respectively.

Freshman BrieAnn Reedy clocked 24:01, good for 110th place, and sophomore Jill Wagaman took 136th with a 24:29.

"The freshmen got some really good experience today. They all ran really awesome," Buttry said. "I think next year the team will run even better at nationals because they've all been there now, and they'll all be back."

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Buttry's course to three consecutive national titles

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International club vote debate

By JESSI LECLEAR
Columnist

For those of you who have not yet been educated on the international student vote controversy, here's a brief overview: Last year, Student Senate resolved to take away the International Club vote because it was unfair to other campus clubs that did not have representation in the Senate body. Seems a credible argument to me.

As the new school year rolled in, so did the uproar of many international students. Understandably, many of them felt that without the International Club vote, students from foreign countries would not be adequately represented on campus. Taking into consideration these views, Senate has formed a committee of their own members and International Club members to negotiate a plan of action.

From what I last heard, the two groups are looking into three different options. The first is to keep it how it currently is with hopes that international students will be sufficiently represented on their floors. I really think that this option would be good, but if and only if senators begin to communicate more effectively with their constituents (an issue that many of them have already begun to address by posting their personal information in their hallways). The second is to implement three votes that would represent the international students separate from the general student body in order to create their own unified voice concerning issues. Though this choice makes sense, it will create even more division between American and international students. The third is to create a Senate seat that would collectively represent the international students through one vote. As far as compromising goes, I believe this to be the most capable selection because it will allow international students to have their own outlet while at the same time still allowing them to talk to their floor senators.

Though this particular matter appears to have a promising end, with compromise coming from both ends, a division still exists. I see two prominent problems. First of all, some international students seem to be pointing fingers. Many were hurt by the decision to take away the vote in the first place. What they must realize is that the resolution was passed solely due to the fact that International Club was the only student organization given representation in Senate as a specific organization. No one ever had the intention of discriminating or depressing the voices of the international students.

Then there's the second problem: there's a lack of interest from the American students. The only American students who have shown responsiveness to this subject are those on Senate, and a select few who have made the attempt to go to International Club meetings and befriend international students. No wonder so many of our classmates feel inadequately represented on campus. The college prides itself on diversity and likes to publicize the fact that we are blessed with the presence of so many diverse and cultured individuals. But what good does the presence of diversity do if we do not embrace its practice as well?

The grievance, as always, goes both ways. American students and international students alike must begin communicating on a whole new level. My advice: Don't be intimidated by a group ethnically different from your own. Go to International Club meetings (they're not just for international students!) Change it up a bit and sit with different students during meals. You'd be amazed at what kind of amazing people you can meet if you just step out of that comfort zone that so often leaves us in a bubble of fear and doubt.

The only way to overcome division is through communication, understanding and respect (the three come naturally together). If we can accomplish this and really begin building bridges, then we can also confidently pronounce that we are indeed a "diverse" campus.

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Blow your horn

Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

- Our campus isn't handicap accessible. A person in a wheelchair could only get into buildings by using the few automatic doors.
- If you are more than one minute late to class, you shouldn't come! Coming into a classroom in the middle of lecture is really distracting, especially if you let the door slam or walk across the whole room.
- In light of the NBA's Motown Melee, involving players and fans in which alcohol played a role, the college should carefully consider a policy for public intoxication at Wartburg basketball games.
- Why doesn't the college release what the penalties are to violators of the alcohol policy on campus?
- Shouldn't underage alcohol possession be an equally prominent offense as marijuana possession is?

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to Alek Wipperman, Justin Kader and Russ Goerend's respective columns in last week's Trumpet. News flash: the election is over. We lost. I'm disappointed. You're disappointed. Let's move on.

I know you are frustrated. I am, too. But the question facing us is no longer, "Why shouldn't Mr. Bush be re-elected?" or, "What dope let this happen?" The question we should be addressing is, "How as non-Bush supporters should we approach the next four years of his regime?"

Don't misunderstand. I'm not saying give up the fight. I agree with 99 percent of what you collectively wrote; however, the time for arguing who is right or wrong (or insane) is over. We did our best, and this time it wasn't enough. No amount of effort after the fact is going to change the outcome of the election or the minds of our Republican and/or conservative neighbors.

So what am I suggesting? I was a college student once, and given the time of year, I'm sure some other avenue is available to vent your collective activism; issues and activities (and homework) you can focus on that will make a difference ...

And don't worry. I'm sure sometime soon George W. and/or his lackeys will make another crass mistake. At that time, you have my approval (and a duty as liberal column writers), to let him have it with all the political ammo you can muster. Feel free to start your columns with the words: "I told you so ...".

Thomas C. Burchers, '03

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Kordahl's letter last week, I think that in all of your sarcastic retorts to my "poetic" column, you may have totally overlooked the tool of your own pen. Now this is going to come off harsher than I really mean, but the point of my column has passed completely over your head. This column did do something that I intended, though: I raised a response, which means at least someone read it.

If you are really as fervent about this subject as your letter leads me to believe, then maybe you will try to get involved and rectify this horrific problem facing our world ... If you don't get involved, you're just proving my point. The other possibility can happen: ... the words written by one and so clear to many can be convoluted by some. I may have miswritten my point and you took it wrong. Here's a quick synopsis of what I meant: The world's children are starving, and we're not going to save the lives of the ones already dying; we waited too long, and, as calloused as it sounds, they're a lost cause. So we should make a valiant effort to save the next generation because we have the opportunity to make a difference and change the world. Those not yet brought into the world can be raised in a much better world than they have now if we do something. Is that better?

Andrew Drysdale '08

Suggestions to ease competition between academics and athletics

By KRISTIN NELSON
Guest Columnist

There is a growing competition on this campus, and I'm not referring to that which is on the playing field or even those "friendly" rivalries between Wartburg and other IIAC institutions. No, the competition I am alluding to might actually be harmful and is having possibly detrimental effects on academics and athletics at Wartburg College.

In recent years, academics and athletics have become competing interests for some students, coaches and faculty. As a student-athlete, I myself have been frustrated with this growing dichotomy between athletics and academics, both of which ought to peacefully co-exist as important facets of the college.

Academics and athletics would not have to be mutually exclusive priorities for students if the aforementioned persons would respect and value one another's perspectives and values.

I have a few suggestions for students, coaches and faculty, beginning with attitude changes that could decrease frustrations and help to bridge the growing gap between these competing entities.

First, some advice for student-athletes: If you are a highly motivated and hard-working athlete, apply that same work ethic to your studies. In addition, respect and acknowledge your professors' efforts to give you a quality education. They sincerely want to teach you the critical thinking skills and knowledge that will help you succeed in whatever vocation you choose. Obviously class attendance is crucial, so be judicious about missing class.

Secondly, a few tips for coaches: Promote hard work in the classroom and not just on the playing field, and do not underestimate the influence your encouragement can have on your athletes. They are fortunate to spend a significant amount of time with you each day during the season, so your beliefs, values and opinions are highly influential. If you convey to students that academics should be a high priority, then they will respond accordingly.

And finally, some recommendations for faculty: Recognize that athletics are very important to many students and avoid condescending remarks about athletics or other extracurricular activities. Be cognizant of the stress that students have trying to meet the high expectations of their professors, coaches and fellow athletes. Moreover, acknowledge the benefits of athletics, which can potentially develop responsibility, character, integrity and discipline, all of which can be converted into academic success in the classroom.

These initial suggestions, when applied and practiced, can decrease the growing competition between athletics and academics at Wartburg College. Ideally, these entities do not have to be compartmentalized, but rather they can both be valued and respected by students, coaches and staff alike.

Let's stop competing within our campus, and leave the real competition between our student-athletes and their Norse friends up north. Go Knights!

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Burning Questions?

Q: Can you still "Supersize" at McDonald's?
A: Technically, yes. An employee from the McDonald's in Waverly said, "We have a medium and large size." The large is the same amount as a Supersized meal would have been. Customers are still asked whether they would like a large when they order, so the policy has changed in name only and not for any customer health benefits.

Q: What is the most popular major on campus?
A: Business administration, according to Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management. About 260 students are registered under the business administration major, while communication arts has the second highest total with 219.

Send burning questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu before Thursday.

Weekly Record

Campus security

Nov. 8
1:40 p.m., Science Center, theft. Professor reported a laptop stolen from a lab room. No witnesses were reported, and no evidence was left behind. Later the professor received an e-mail from a Hotmail account stating the computer was borrowed, broken and in the process of being fixed before it would be returned. To date, the computer has not been returned or found. Investigation continues by campus security and Waverly police.

Nov. 12
10:40 p.m., Centennial Hall, alcohol violation. A student passed out from consuming too much alcohol and was transported to the hospital by ambulance for treatment. The student was released from the hospital Nov. 13. Action is pending by student life.

Nov. 13
3:20 a.m., Wartburg Boulevard, theft. A campus security official was on patrol and noticed the state of Iowa flag missing from its flag pole. Initial investigation revealed someone cut it down from the pole. Investigation continues by campus security.

3:20 p.m., B-lot, vandalism. Parked car was reported as "keyed." No witnesses were reported. Investigation continues by campus security.

3:20 p.m., B-lot, vandalism, hit-and-run. The left rear taillight was reported broken on a parked car in B-lot. No known witnesses were reported and no evidence other than pieces of the taillight on the ground. Investigation continues by campus security.

Nov. 14
1:55 a.m., south campus, public intoxication, resisting arrest. A student was observed urinating outside Vogel Library. The student attempted to hide and run until captured by a Waverly police officer, who happened to be in the area. The student was arrested and taken to jail. Action is pending by student life and the city attorney.

Tuesday
12:30 p.m., B-lot, vandalism. Taillight of a parked car was reported broken during the weekend.

Police log

Nov. 4
Casey Joseph Pauli, 20, Ladora, was charged with operating while intoxicated, a serious misdemeanor.

State of Iowa v;
Jordan Atchison, 23, Cedar Rapids: guilty, fifth-degree theft, simple misdemeanor, fined $263.50.

Zachary Alexander Mundy, 19, Waverly: guilty, public intoxication, first offense, simple misdemeanor, fined $82.

Alum exhibits abstract photos

Josiah Brandt/TRUMPET

COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT—Freshman Kyle Hauser studies a work by photographer Thomas Werner, whose work is on display in Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery of the Bachman Fine Arts Center through Dec. 12.

By KRISTALL LAURSEN
Staff Writer

Thomas Werner '82 will display his abstract photographic works through Dec. 12 in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery of the Bachman Fine Arts Center.

"I specialize in abstract photography. I like to go outside the barriers. As a commercial photographer, I mostly photograph lifestyle fashion," Werner said.

Werner specifically spoke to the students of Design I, an art course offered at Wartburg, at his gallery talk and reception Thursday. He told how his work resembles more abstract art than photos, but an object is featured in each one.

"These photos include objects such as cityscapes from my window, landscapes, fake eyelashes and all kinds of things," Werner said. "I wanted to do something (in the exhibit) that would make people say, 'What is that?' It surprises me how much that bothers people."

The photos were not only manipulated in color and focus, but they also were manipulated into sculpture. He proceeded to cut and rearrange different photos, with some trimmed into strips and others assembled into various shapes. When finished, Werner had achieved a unique look that did exactly what he had set out to do.

Werner is not sure of his plans for a new project.

"It's a process. Each step takes a long time. It may be another year before you see something new."

The field of photography also is a process. While speaking to Design I students, he noted being a photographer takes hard work and a lot of time. On the other hand, he said it's worth it.

"(If you want to succeed in photography), find a way to make your voice heard," Werner said. "Get people's attention! You need to run, explore and stumble around!"

Born and raised in Mequon, Wis., Werner now resides in New York City where he owns the Thomas Werner Gallery in Manhattan's Chelsea art district. He also teaches his self-designed fashion program at Parsons School of Design.

Werner also is a member of the National Board of Trade Photography and is the New York editor of "Value Rich Magazine," a publication devoted to finance and luxury lifestyle. He has lived in Los Angeles in addition to traveling all over the world.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily or by appointment.

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Protesters to share beliefs on campus

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Eleven Wartburg students will return today from Fort Benning, Ga. They plan to share experiences gained from a protest of what they believe to be inhumane military teachings for Central and South American military and civilian students.

They, along with thousands of others of various diversities and religions, lined the gates for the nationwide annual convergence against the Western Hemisphere Institution for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), this combat training school for Latin Americans is formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA). The non-violent protest, named the SOA Watch, has grown from a small number of protesters in 1990.

Upon their return, the group hopes to educate campus what the SOA is and its effects on the world.

"(WHINSEC) is a big issue that hasn't been taken very seriously and needs to be. The average American doesn't know very much about it," junior TJ Raymer, who protested last year, said.

Junior Justin Kader, president of Students for Peace and Justice, has attended this protest for the past two years. Although he was unable to go this year, he considers this event extremely worthwhile.

"I think the goal is to promote awareness about (WHINSEC) and to let the military know, 'Our numbers are increasing. We don't like what you're doing. We disagree with what you are teaching,' and to make them aware that our presence is there," Kader said. "Most importantly, (it) is a form of solidarity with people in Latin America that have suffered because the school in the United States exists."

"By attending the protest, students become active in changing the world for everyone, not just themselves," Raymer, also president of Wartburg's Amnesty International, said. "It also is a great learning opportunity and a great way for them (protesters) to network with other organizations in this country and some in Central and South America."

Senior Colin Buzza, who attended for the first time, said before leaving he hoped to gain a clearer understanding of how deeply military operations are involved in foreign policy as well as some solace knowing so many people have similar views and are willing to act on their opinions.

More information about SOA Watch and WHINSEC is available at http://www.soaw.org and http://www.benning.army.mil/whinsec.

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Survey aims to define Wartburg diversity

By ALAN SIMMER
Staff Writer

More than 65 diversity-related surveys have been completed and returned as part of an initiative currently underway to better define and help students understand diversity at Wartburg.

The survey is being distributed to students on campus by Student Senators and other campus organizational leaders.

Junior Delford Doherty, Senate's executive liaison of diversity, serves on the committee and said members believe the survey will give students a chance to say what diversity issues are most important.

"People have a huge lack of understanding on this campus," Doherty said. "People have not been sensitized about why we do certain things for diversity."

Doherty added the survey has been neutrally designed not to favor or target any one race, religion, economic background or other such classifications.

The goal is to survey at least 50 percent of students before the end of Fall Term. Results will be tallied at the beginning of Winter Term.

"Unless we communicate as much as possible and spark an awareness on campus, diversity will be a dream ... instead of a reality," Doherty said.

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Gate offers unique worship

Sophomores Tom Parks, Andrew Potratz initiate contemporary service

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
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Wartburg College students have another way to worship on campus. The Gate, a new campus worship service, is offered at 8 p.m. every other Sunday and caters to a different variety of worshippers.

Unlike other worship services, which take place in the chapel, The Gate hopes to attract people who wouldn't otherwise attend services by hosting them in other places. The first four services of The Gate have been held in the McCaskey Lyceum, Neumann Auditorium and one of the ballrooms in the student center.

Also, The Gate is a contemporary worship service, unlike some of the others offered on campus. A live band performs contemporary worship music. Members from campus and Waverly community speak at The Gate services.

"We hope that by not holding services in the chapel, people will come check us out," sophomore Tom Parks, co-founder of The Gate, said. "We're not trying to hide the fact that we're with campus ministry, but holding the service at a different location makes it more informal and unique."

Parks hopes in the future the Gate will be held permanently in the lyceum, but until then services will be wherever they can be.

"I think The Gate is a good opportunity for people who are weary to go to chapel to worship," junior Rebecca Townsley, greeter coordinator for the Gate said. "It has a more comfortable atmosphere and is really open to anyone."

Parks has estimated attendance from 150 to 200 people per service thus far and sees The Gate as a success.

"So far, we've not had any negative reaction to our services, only questions," Parks said. "We hope to be a bridge to those who don't normally attend other campus ministry events. By advertising other groups, we hope to get more people involved in campus ministry and be aware of what goes on."

The inspiration for The Gate started in 2003 when Matt Townsley '04, a senior at the time, got a group together and decided to hold a one-time praise event. The group decided to name the event The Gate after the Bible verse John 10:9 in which Jesus states: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

The event was a success, and sophomore Andrew Potratz and Parks decided to expand on the idea and make it a year-round event.

"Originally, The Gate was supposed to be a one-time deal, but we feel that this can be something that might spark interest in new people. We hope that this is a kind of ministry where people will come and feel welcomed and encouraged, yet will walk away with something to chew on. We want this to be fun, but we also want people to be challenged and participate with a style of worship they might not have seen before,"Parks said.

According to Potratz, other people have tried to take steps toward creating a contemporary worship service, but it wasn't until last spring when Parks and Potratz approached the pastors on campus that a contemporary worship service led by students finally took off.

"I love The Gate, but I wish it was more often. Just once every other Sunday is not enough," freshman Tyler Ferrie, a regular Gate attendee, said. "It's a place where we can close our eyes, sing our hearts out and worship God and have fellowship with other believers."

The next Gate worship service will be at 8 p.m. Jan. 16 in the McCaskey Lyceum with Dr. Bill Withers, associate professor in communication arts, delivering the message.

Contributed by Brondon Newton

WORSHIP WITH STYLE—Sophomores Bryan McCarty on bass and Laura Peterson on keyboard play as part of the Gate band at their first service. The next Gate service will be on Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. in the McCaskey Lyceum

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'NOVA' features religion professors

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion, and the Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, associate professor of religion, will be featured tomorrow on the PBS series "NOVA."

The episode will air at 7 p.m. on Iowa Public Television. It includes the archaeological excavation at the Cave of Letters, near the Dead Sea, that Strickert and Bouzard took part in during July 2000.

Strickert was part of a small group that surveyed the area in 1999. It is believed the Cave of Letters is connected to the Dead Sea Scrolls and letters found in the cave from Shimon Bar-Kokhba, a leader during part of the first and second Jewish rebellions against the Romans.

"Basically, (he was) a terrorist in the first century," Strickert said.

After an article about the survey was published in an archaeological magazine, a donor contributed money to fund a more extensive excavation.

In 2000 Strickert returned as part of a larger group, joined by Bouzard. Both professors had taken part in archaeological digs in Bethsaida, Israel during past May terms.

The group stayed at an Orthodox Israeli settlement about one hour away from the Cave of Letters. According to Bouzard, the trek into the cave itself could take almost 45 minutes, winding down rocky paths and ledges with steep drop-offs.

"It was the most dangerous thing I've ever been involved in," Strickert said. "We couldn't involve students because of the liability risk."

While in the cave, "really, in the last hours of the dig, Dr. Strickert and I found this rope with fabric...almost a complete first-century Christian tunic," Bouzard said. "(This) indicated the cave was occupied during the first century" when it was originally thought to only have been occupied in the second century or later.

The Cave of Letters was first excavated in 1960 by Israeli archaeologist Dr. Yigael Yadin. The remoteness of the cave's location and lack of technology led to a gap in excavation until 2000.

According to Strickert, the decision to revisit the Cave of Letters actually began with a Wartburg student. During an excavation in Bethsaida in 1996, a student found what seemed to be a first-century Roman incense shovel. The shovel was similar to ones found earlier in the Cave of Letters that were thought to be from the second century. Scholars wanted to find a connection between Bethsaida and the Cave of Letters.

Although both professors would like to return to Israel for May Term excavation trips, the State Department has warned against travel to Israel.

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Senate Focus

By ASHLEY WEETS
Staff Writer

- Executive team members met with the president's cabinet and the faculty council Tuesday to talk about respective goals for the year as well as academic quality and other topics of student interest. The Newspaper Readership Program was discussed regarding ways it can be utilized in the classroom.
- Senate will plan a winter celebration for January or February.
- The Political Action Committee is looking at the Iowa Tuition Grant and encourages all students who receive it to send a letter of appreciation to Gov. Tom Vilsack.
- In new business, a resolution was read proposing an ID card-swipe system for the laundry machines in residence halls. It was sent to the student relations committee for discussion.
- The International Club vote issue was discussed at length. Much feedback was given to senior Colin Buzza, Senate vice president, to take back to the committee.
- A new Senate blog and Senate updates are available at www.wartburg.edu/senate.

Next Senate meeting: 11:30 a.m., Dec. 2.

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WARTBURG COLLEGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

By GARY WIPPERMAN
Director of Information Technology Services

If you've been surfing the Web on your personal computer, the chances are very good that you have spyware on your computer, and you probably don't even know it. A lot of people don't understand how spyware is installed, don't understand what it's doing when it's running in the background and don't understand how to get rid of it.

What it's doing is tracking your activity on the Internet and reporting it to advertisers, who can then bombard you with ads (in pop-ups or new browser windows) for items related to what you've been looking at on the Web.

Spyware is not supposed to be recording your personal, sensitive information, but it can. Programs called key loggers can log your keystrokes, recording that information and sending it off to a third party; thereby potentially getting access to your personal information including passwords and credit cards numbers.

Spyware does not force itself onto your computer. In almost all cases, you have to open the door and let it in. The most common way to get spyware is to download file-sharing software like KaZaa, screensavers and other free programs off the Internet. Often the fine print of an end user license agreement presented during the install will tell you that, along with the program you are installing, you also authorize the installation of spyware. Unfortunately, most people don't read the fine print.

Reading the fine print may keep the spyware away, but once it's there, you'll notice a barrage of pop-up ads; your home page may repeatedly change; new toolbars and icons appear, and your computer runs slowly, with repeated error messages.

To get rid of spyware, don't download just any free-removal program, because some of them can actually install more spyware on your computer. Ad-Aware is one of several free and reliable anti-spyware programs you can download. Spybot Search and Destroy is also well known and free of charge. You can find links to both products at http://www.wartburg.edu/its/resnet.html.

Once you have downloaded either Ad-Aware or Spybot or both, make sure you use the program to scan your system at least once a week to keep your machine as clean as possible.

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Faculty, students meet to expand horizons

By ERIN GUSTITUS
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Scholarly activity is widely encouraged among the students, faculty and staff of Wartburg College. An outlet for intellectual endeavors occurs at 4 p.m. every Friday in the back room of Joe's Knight Hawk.

Started by Dr. Ron Alexander, professor of philosophy and religion, the Philosophical and Literary Society has been meeting for more than 20 years and encourages scholarship and research.

"[The Philosophical and Literary Society] is an effort by faculty members to share their research in an informal setting," Dr. Fred Waldstein, professor of political science, said. "It was really designed to help people that were preparing publications or conference papers to share their work with a group of peers."

Now organized by Waldstein, Dr. Greg Scholtz, professor of English, and Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion, the Philosophical and Literary Society is well attended and appreciated.

"We've never had this kind of interest," Scholtz said. "We've never had this kind of attendance. We are hovering around 50.. That's quite good."

According to Scholtz, members of the Society are very pleased with the involvement by both presenters and participants. They realize that it is necessary to have a place in which faculty can share the results of their hard work.

"Faculty scholarship and research is very important," Strickert said.

The Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, professor of religion and philosophy and a regular attendee of the meetings, agrees with Strickert.

"I think it is one of the best things we do as a faculty," Bouzard said. "I find that people are interested in all kinds of things that surprise and amaze me."

But not only faculty attend the meetings. Students are invited, and many have been regulars during the Friday sessions.

All kinds of scholarly work is accepted and welcomed at the Philosophical and Literary Society meetings. Recent topics have ranged from Godzilla to Thoreau. The purpose is to offer a setting that allows the presenters to introduce one's research and discuss one's findings with the group afterwards.

"The goals are to provide an atmosphere where colleagues can share their work and get some feedback from their colleagues and just create an environment where we take the time to hear about each others' research," Waldstein said. "I don't think we do that enough."

The society strives for excellence without pressuring the presenter.

"I think the atmosphere is informal and lively," Scholtz said. "The intention is to make people feel welcome and that their contributions are welcome, both as presenters and as participants in discussion."

Just as important as the presenters, the participants also play an active role in the Philosophical and Literary Society meetings. Participants can discover new ideas shared by the presenter, ask questions and give feedback.

"For those in the audiences, it is an opportunity to hear what was going on in different fields and learn what our colleagues are doing," Waldstein said. "It is a very convivial kind of atmosphere and relationship."

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DEEP DISCUSSIONS—Dr. Daniel Black, associate professor of physical science, gives his presentation entitled "Using Alternate History in Theory Formulation; or, What If Spartacus Had a Piper Cub?" to a large crowd at Joe's Knight Hawk Friday.

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Movie Review

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SEED OF CHUCKY

Starring Jennifer Tilly, Billy Boyd and Brad Dourif

Director Don Mancini

By BRYAN CLARK
Movie Reviewer

The FCC wouldn't know a double entendre if it ran over their dog. Want proof? The tagline on the general-audience trailers for the year's best movie was, "Get a load of Chucky."

Now, you're probably thinking to yourself, "Did he just say 'year's best movie'?" Yes, he did, and yes, it is. So maybe "Hellboy" and "Shaun of the Dead" are close ties, but two exceptions aside, nothing else can even come close to the "Seed of Chucky."

Writer/director and franchise creator Don Mancini has truly outdone himself and outdone everyone else while he was at it. You want shock, satire and puppets? Forget the over-hyped and under-funny "Team America"; Chucky is where it's at. It's refreshing that after nearly a decade of unwatchable crap, Hollywood is finally letting people who know how to make horror movies make horror movies again, and they're striking back with a vengeance.

"Seed" picks up where "Bride of Chucky" left off, with the mutant doll offspring of Chucky (voiced by Brad Dourif) and Tiffany (voiced by Jennifer Tilly), being used as a ventriloquist act. When he sees Chucky and Tiffany on TV, he realizes they must be his parents and goes to Hollywood to find them. The scene when they meet for the first time is the most brilliant homage I've ever seen. Ed Wood fans take note, chances are no one else in the theater will get it.

The rest of the movie is a disturbingly touching story about Glen (or Glenda) deciding whether it wants to be like its mother or its father, as the trio sets about looking for human bodies to inhabit. The chosen victims are real-life Jennifer Tilly (playing herself starring in a Chucky movie) and rapper/actor/director Redman. They needed a body for Glen/Glenda, so they artificially inseminate Tilly.

There's plenty of honest intellectual material in the story of the killer doll family dynamic to please the thinking fan, and if you're not into that, just sit back and enjoy the mayhem. Mancini never gets so heavy-handed with his message that it bogs down the enjoyment of the wickedly entertaining story.

In short, drop what you're doing, and go see "Seed of Chucky" until your wallet is empty and your eyes are melting from screen glare. You'll be glad you did.

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Wartburg Writes

Wartburg Writes is an online publication seeking to create a "snapshot" of writing activities on the Wartburg campus. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to submit his/her writing to the project.

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Christmas with Wartburg sells out

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Tickets for the four Christmas with Wartburg performances, on sale Oct. 18, have been sold out for weeks.

"They're gone," Dr. Paul Torkelson, Wartburg Choir director, said. "At Nazareth (Lutheran Church), they were gone in an hour."

Those without tickets may attend the dress rehearsal Dec. 1, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Torkelson said 900 attended last year's dress rehearsal.

Castle Singers, Wartburg Choir and Wind Ensemble will perform, with approximately 165 students, Torkelson noted. This year's theme is "Behold the handmaid of God." Kathryn Koob, lecturer in communication arts, wrote the script.

Previous attendees will notice the absence of the men's group Ritterchor.

"We've gone back to just the three touring ensembles," Torkelson said. "We felt, and some of the guys in Ritterchor felt, it would be fair for just the touring ensembles."

Castle Singers will perform two pieces. "A Take Six Christmas," features a cappella jazz versions of Christmas classics like "Silent Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Dr. Jane Andrews, director for Castle Singers, said it "is very difficult, but it's beautiful. It's done in nice, rich jazz chords."

The second piece is a version of "Ave Maria." The piece starts out in the classic way and shifts into "this gorgeous jazz version arranged by Morgan Ames. People that know music will go, 'Oh, oh, my goodness. That's neat,'" Andrews said.

Wartburg Choir has two pieces. The first is a German song, translated to mean "Rejoice, give praise to the heavens," and the second is a Latin piece, translated to mean "Light, warm and heavy as gold."

In addition to pieces by the choral groups, there will be one male, one female and one group selection, according to Torkelson and Andrews.

Current preparations involve practices as individual groups and the confirmation of the script and program. All of the ensembles will gather for rehearsals Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 to run through the performance.

"We not only prepare this and put this together, but then there's the travel," Andrews said. "It's wearing, but everyone enjoys it."

"It's a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season," Torkelson said.

"They (listeners) will hear quality, collegiate musicians," Andrews said.

Performances

- **Dec. 1 - Dress rehearsal**
  4:30 p.m., Neumann Auditorium
- **Dec. 2**
  7:30 p.m., Neumann Auditorium
- **Dec. 3**
  8 p.m., Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls
- **Dec. 4**
  7:30 p.m., Des Moines Civic Center
- **Dec. 5**
  3 p.m., Neumann Auditorium

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Service trip groups to be named this week

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
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Participants selected for this year's Winter Break service trips will be announced sometime this week.

Senior David Hill, president of the Volunteer Action Center (VAC), said the goal is to notify applicants before Thanksgiving break.

Applications were due Nov. 12. According to Hill, 75 applied to fill the possible 66 open spots, but the process for selecting who to attend trips was changed this year.

"In the past, leaders of the service trip would pick those who went on service trips with them," Hill said.

This year, however, a committee of students, faculty and staff will read all applications and make the decision.

"It's better not to go on a service trip with your friends because it allows you to meet new people and have new experiences," Hill said

Also, this year, the time slot for picking leaders of trips was moved forward to October, instead of in May as in years past. This extra time allowed people to think during the summer where they wanted to go. According to Hill, service trip leaders had to make a proposal and be selected to lead a service trip by a committee, which focused on pre-planning, originalit and feasibility of each trip.

This year's service trips and their leaders are: Seattle, led by seniors Samantha Collins and Wyatt Sheeder; Minneapolis, led by juniors Christy Hansen and Allison Heille; Kentucky, led by juniors Matthew Fox and Cassandra Frush; Delaware, led by seniors Amber Regan and Damen Heitmann; Atlanta, led by juniors Amanda Holzrichter and Stephanie Schwartz; and San Antonio, led by Woods and senior Crystal Spindler.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

SENATE ENCOURAGES THANK YOUS FOR IOWA TUITION GRANT

Students benefiting from the assistance of the Iowa Tuition Grant can express their appreciation to Gov. Tom Vilsack for his leadership in support for the program. The political action committee suggests that you express your gratitude by sending a personalized thank-you letter so that we may continue to receive this type of aid. Anyone can mail Vilsack at: Office of the Governor; State Capitol; Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

TOWER AGENCY, ATHLETICS SPONSOR BOOKSTORE BUCKS

Tower Agency and the athletic department will sponsor Bookstore Bucks starting Nov. 30 during the Wartburg women's basketball game. Wartburg students attending the game will be asked to put their names in a drawing to win a $25 gift certificate for the Wartburg Bookstore. Students must be present to enter and win.

CLASS TO OFFER CPR CERTIFICATION

A CPR certification class, hosted by students from Dr. Susan Vallem's Group and Organizational Behavior class, will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30. Cost is $25 per person, $10 off the normal price. The class has a 20-person limit, and those interested must sign up on the sheet at Knights Copy Center by Nov. 22. For more information contact Zach Ladage at 404-4368.

WARTBURG WELCOMES NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR

DeAnn Johnson is the office coordinator for the new religion and philosophy department offices in Grossmann Hall. Her regular hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be staffed by work-study students at other times.

The new office number is Ext. 8464, and the fax number is 352-8465. Religion faculty will move into new offices gradually during the next few weeks. Individual office phone numbers will remain the same.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION INCLUDES JAZZ, POETRY, FOOD

The Black Student Union will host a Kwanzaa celebration from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Heritage Ballroom. It will feature poetry readings, live jazz performances and appetizers. Group members also plan to discuss principles of Kwanzaa, a celebration based on African festivals. The name comes from the Swahili for "first fruits" and is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTER HOSTS HUB OPEN HOUSE

This month's Hub open house, sponsored by the Volunteer Action Center, will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Activities include a treasure hunt in piles of leaves, root beer keg, coloring contest and turkey bowling event.

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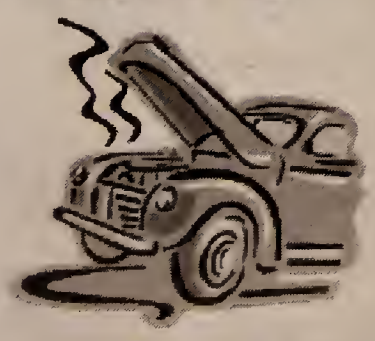

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Cobbers clobber Knights

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Asst. Sports Editor

Sometimes the third time isn't a charm. The Wartburg football team discovered that Saturday in its 28-14 defeat to Concordia-Moorhead. The Cobbers used a hard-nosed ground game and efficient passing game to control the clock.

"The key to the game was the stats -- time of possession," head coach Rick Willis said. "Thirty-seven, almost 38 minutes to 22 minutes, 10 of 21 on third down to five of 13."

The game had an inauspicious start for the Knights. After some clock trouble before the opening kickoff, the Knights went three-and-out and senior Mark Giesmann, one of the top punters in the nation, got off only a 22-yard kick. The Cobbers took advantage, going 46 yards on nine plays, including converting a fourth-and-one, to take a 7-0 lead.

Wartburg got a drive going on its next possession, but junior quarterback Reed Hoskins was intercepted, ending the threat. The Knights got the ball back quickly, however, and tied the game when Hoskins hit senior Chris Winter on a 32-yard, game-tying strike.

Concordia looked ready to score again but freshman Nick Weber intercepted a Cobber pass at the one yardline, keeping the tie game intact.

The big drive of the first half came with four minutes remaining. The Cobbers took the ball 90 yards on 16 plays, including converting a third-and-eight, third-and-nine, fourth-and-ten and scoring on a 20-yard pass on third-and-eight.

"It was a big drive. It was something that never should have happened," senior safety Brian McIntire said. "We need to stop them on third and fourth down and get off the field."

The Cobbers squib-kicked the ensuing kickoff and freshman Joe Sodoma returned it 41 yards, setting the Knights up at Concordia's 32-yardline with 17 seconds left, but three incomplete passes ended the half with the Knights trailing 14-7.

"That kickoff return got a lot of momentum for us. If we could have gotten a score it would have helped," Hoskins said. "There were just a couple of passes we weren't able to hook up on."

Receiver Andy Passanante helped Concordia get back on the board in the second half, returning a punt 38 yards to the Knight 25 yardline, setting up quarterback Brian Schumacher's touchdown run.

Wartburg answered with a big special teams play of their own just before the end of the third quarter. Concordia set up to punt but McIntire, who just missed blocking earlier punts, blocked it and ran 22 yards to get the Knights back within seven.

"We work hard on it (punt block) in practice," McIntire said. "Everybody did what they're supposed to do and it worked out for us. It was a good job by the coaches for scheming it up the way they did and letting me come free."

But Concordia ground out another drive, going 79 yards on 15 plays, converting three more third downs en route to a three-yard touchdown run by Ed Oehlers to make the score 28-14, Cobbers.

McIntire came up with one more big play on special teams, returning the kickoff 31 yards to give the Knights a glimmer of hope. But on first-and-goal from Concordia's one yardline, senior Andy Parker fumbled and Concordia pounced on it. Several Wartburg players argued the call, and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty gave the Cobbers the ball at the 16-yardline instead of the one.

"I heard a lot of things – he crossed the plane, the ground caused it, that our guy ended up with the ball at the end," Willis said. "I can't see it from where I'm standing. My guys in the box said they could see it. I thought it was handled very well. Obviously, it didn't go the way we wanted."

Photo courtesy of Concordia Sports Information Dept.

THRILL OF THE CHASE—Junior Noah Junge chases the Concordia quarterback during Wartburg's first-round playoff game. The Knights lost the game 28-14 to end their season.

The Knights did get the ball back with just under five minutes left, but sophomore Dan Hammes was stopped a yard short on fourth-and-three, ending any chance of a Knight comeback.

"One thing that I always go by that didn't hold up today is on defense we really limited their big plays. Their longest pass play was 20 yards," Willis said. "Some of the biggest plays were two-yard runs."

Wartburg got big efforts from some of its departing seniors. Winter ended the game with seven catches for 90 yards and one touchdown, with his last catch tying Ryan Rausch's record for the most career receptions in Wartburg history at 159.

McIntire had four kick returns for 103 yards and seven tackles to go along with his blocked punt for a touchdown.

The Knight defense also got strong efforts from seniors Jake Burns and Chris Robertson who had 13 tackles and 12 tackles, respectively.

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STANDING TOUGH—Sophomore Tarah Mulder gets a board.

Women hot at first, cool in second

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY and AARON HAGEN
Asst. Sports Editor and Sports Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team fell to Illinois College in the championship game of the Tip Off Classic Sunday 54-44. The Knights fell behind early, but made a comeback effort early in the second half only to see the game slip away from them in the end.

The Knights gave up nine points before getting on the board. Wartburg would not lead the entire first half and enjoyed their 31-30 edge for only 10 seconds. That lead, with 17:33 to play in the game, would be the only lead the Knights would have all game.

Wartburg did get within two points following sophomore Diana Mullins' three-pointer with eight minutes left, but Illinois then went on a seven-point run that the Knights could not overcome.

Wartburg was led by sophomore Natalie Tarkett's 13 points and senior Amanda Berner's 11 points and four rebounds. Freshman Casey Huber just missed getting double digits, scoring nine points.

The Knights started the year off with a bang as they defeated Colorado College in the Tip Off Classic Saturday afternoon.

Senior Amanda Berner started the game with a lay-up to take the first lead of the season for the Knights, but Colorado College hung with Wartburg through the first four minutes of the game. From then on, Wartburg took control and never looked back. Two free throws by sophomore Natalie Tarkett broke the six-all tie and gave the Knights the lead for good. Wartburg went on a 32-15 run to end the first half as they took a 38-21 lead into the locker room.

Berner once again started the scoring for the Knights with a short jump shot to increase the lead to 19. Wartburg maintained their lead and finished with the 72-51 win.

"Right away we came out and dominated," sophomore Tarah Mulder said. "Offensively we were very aggressive, and defensively we played tough."

"I didn't think that we played consistent," coach Monica Severson said. "We had some times where we played well, and other times where we didn't. The game allowed us to play a lot of kids and see what they could do

Sophomore Diana Mullins led the way offensively with 14 points. Freshman Megan Hendricks had 13, while Mulder had 11. Sophomore Jessica Kugler also added 10 points.

The Knights only game this week is at 6 p.m. Tuesday in St. Peter, Minn. against Gustavus.

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Wartburg wrestlers undefeated at Olivet Duals

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
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The Wartburg wrestling team started the dual season on a good note Saturday, going 5-0 at the Olivet Duals in Olivet, Mich.

The Knights used 16 different wrestlers in the five duals, with everyone picking up at least one win. Wartburg lost only five of 50 matches and picked up 13 pins.

"That's what we went to do. We were hoping to dominate," coach Jim Miller said. "Obviously, I'm happy with how we did."

Wartburg started the day with a 38-9 win over Wabash. The Knights recorded three pins and one technical fall.

The Knights then faced SUNY-Cortland and came away with a 54-0 thrashing. They ended the dual with four straight pins and recorded seven total pins.

In the third dual, Wartburg had its closest call of the day winning 32-7. This is the only dual the Knights didn't get a single pin, but six of their eight wins were for extra points.

Wartburg came back strong against Baldwin-Wallace with a 49-0 win. The Knights got pins from four of their first five wrestlers and tallied seven extra - point victories.

The final dual of day ended with another win for the Knights, 40-6. Wartburg got two more pins and six total extra point victories.

"We're just trying to get better every week," Miller said. "That's been our history over the last couple of years. We've been able to get better every week."

Sophomore Blake Gillis led the way individually for Wartburg, going 5-0, pinning two opponents and getting one technical fall. Junior Dustin Hinschberger, senior Andrew Knaack and sophomore T.J. Miller all went 4-0 with one pin each. Eight other Wartburg wrestlers went undefeated for the day.

One person missing from the Knights' lineup was defending national champion senior Ryan Sturm, who is out indefinitely with an injury.

"We don't know anything yet, but we really didn't miss a beat," Miller said. "If Ryan can't wrestle that'll obviously be a big blow, to lose a national champion. But we'll just have to go week-to-week."

T. J. Miller will probably continue to fill in after his undefeated weekend, Miller added.

The Knights next take the mat with their conference-opener at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in Dubuque against Loras.

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Elite company

Season comes to end in national quarter finals

By SEAN KANE & NICK PETAROS
Sports Writer *Sports Editor*

A breakthrough season came to a close for the Wartburg soccer team Sunday in the Elite Eight round of the national tournament The Knights were defeated by Messiah College (Penn.) 2-0.

Saturday night the team fulfilled its final preseason goal, defeating sectional host Wilmington College (Ohio) 1-0. The win was the team's third consecutive in the NCAA Div. III national tournament

Against Messiah, Wartburg got out to a sluggish start in the opening minutes and its opponent took advantage. Messiah quickly scored two goals in the first half, forcing the Knights to play from behind against a team that won it's last two games by five goal margins.

Wartburg was unable to score in the second half, ending a magical season in the national quarterfinals.

"Against Messiah the guys came out tired from the night before which was expected," coach Jim Conlon said. "At half they rallied together and realized they had a chance and controlled the second half. We were just unable to finish and put the ball in the back of the net."

Saturday Wartburg continued its run in the NCAA soccer tournament with a win over Wilmington College. The game was a back and forth battle for all but the final six minutes.

Junior Kirk Artist broke the scoreless play in the 84th minute when he dribbled past a Wilmington defender and ripped a shot past the goalkeeper. Wartburg was able to swell up defensively for the last six minutes to gain the win.

"I actually turned and celebrated before it even hit the net because I fought I knew it was going in," Artist said. "We had five minutes left, but our team stepped up with more energy so they (Wilmington) pretty much had no chance."

The Knights were out shot 18-10 in the game with Collin Lane making seven saves to earn his second shutout of the playoffs.

This season Wartburg was led by its senior class, which was the first class recruited by coach Conlon. In four years they have earned a conference title, two conference tournament championships, and two NCAA playoff births, concluding with this year's record breaking season.

"This season a lot of it had to do with the returners and how everyone played together along with the bond we had on and off the field," senior goalkeeper Collin Lane said. "Everything just kind of worked together for us in our favor this year."

Ashley Richards/TRUMPET

FORWARD CHARGE—Junior Scott Hill leads down field against Dominican. With him is junior Kirk Artist and freshman Casey Johnson.

Lane has set the bar for future goalies with Wartburg records in his goals against average and his shut out numbers.

Another senior who will be tough to replace is Verne Houston. In his four years at Wartburg, Houston has set most of the school's scoring records. These include goals in a season, goals in a game and goals over a career.

"I'll always remember the last game and how we felt afterwards," Houston said. "Especially the senior class how final it kind of became all of a sudden. It's bittersweet but at the same time we've had a lot of good times as a team this season."

This year's senior class went from winning nine games as freshmen to one of the top eight teams in the nation.

"It was obviously rocky at first but we had a lot of faith in coach Conlon," senior Jeremy McEver said.

Looking to the future, Conlon will attempt to utilize leadership qualities passed from his first class to younger players.

"They (seniors) have instilled many good qualities into the younger players and their character really shined through in this tournament," Conlon said. "We don't get to the Elite Eight without the seniors, not just the starters and big minute players but guys like Matt Penning and Seth Rowland who have given all they've got for four years."

Next season Conlon will face a daunting task of replacing Lane his consistent goalkeeper for the last four years. However, Lane believes more success lies ahead.

"I think we can only go up from here,"Lane said. "Each year that Coach Conlon's been here he's had a goal, and we've reached it. It's amazing; this year every single goal was laid out at the beginning of the year. The last one we had to check off our list was the Elite Eight or better and we got that. As long as our team keeps setting goals and coach keeps recruiting (...) there's no limit to what we can do."

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Men start season with tourney victory

Ashley Richards/TRUMPET

SCANNING THE COURT—Junior Jason Steege brings the ball up court during Saturday's game against Nebraska Wesleyan.

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The master met his apprentice and prevailed Saturday in the finals of the men's basketball Buzz Levick Tip-Off Classic. Wartburg head coach Dick Peth's squad beat former Wartburg assistant coach Mark Franzen's Nebraska Wesleyan team 77-64.

Wartburg's victory over the Prairie Wolves marked the first career loss for Franzen as a head coach. The Buzz-Levick tournament also marked Franzen and his assistant Cam Schuknecht's first return to Knight's Gymnasium since leaving Wartburg basketball assistant coaching positions after last season.

"We have tremendous respect for Mark and Cam both, being on our staff for a few years here, and we know what a great job they do," Peth said. "The funny thing was in warm-ups we were almost a mirror image of one another, so we had to chuckle about that. It's just a real different feeling, mixed emotions especially. But once the ball was tossed up both of us probably forgot about who was on the other end, and we were worried about coaching our team."

Wartburg came out strong to start the second half. The Knights increased their lead to a 51-42 margin with 15 minutes to play and never looked back.

"The first five minutes of the second half we really established ourselves on both ends of the floor," Peth said. "I think we really did a great job on the defensive end. Offensively we got some great looks and attacked the basket. I thought we were very aggressive on both ends, and that sets the tone for the remainder of the game."

Junior point guard Jason Steege led the Knights with 21 points against the Prairie Wolves. Steege's play in both tournament games earned tournament MVP honors. Senior guard Jordan Atchison also turned in a strong performance with 15 points, six rebounds and two steals Saturday.

On Friday, Wartburg survived a double-overtime thriller, defeating Macalester College 88-80. The Knights opened the second half on a 9-0 run, but Macalester battled back from the 48-34 deficit with a 14-2 run. Macalester's Tom Conboy made a jumper with 23 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

At the end of the first overtime, Wartburg junior Rance Cartmill intercepted an inbounds pass at half court with under five seconds remaining and rimmed out a potential game-winning three-point attempt as time expired. In the second overtime, Wartburg took advantage of a depleted Macalester team which had three of five starters fouled out. The Knights outscored Macalester 15-7 in the final period to earn the win.

Cartmill and junior center Nate Schmidt were major factors in the win, each with nine rebounds and 16 and 19 points, respectively.

The Knights will be in action again at 7 p.m. Saturday when they host Grinnell.

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